

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0027] of the application published as US 20070264715 with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] Peptide hydrolases are enzymes ~~or compounds~~ that irreversibly hydrolyse amide bonds in peptides and proteins. Peptide hydrolases are widely distributed and are involved in many different biological processes, from activation of proteins and peptides to degradation of proteins.